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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated November 9, 2001, please consider the following remarks for the above-identified application:

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending. The Office Action dated November 9, 2001 has been received and carefully noted. The following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto. Accordingly, claims 1-17 are submitted for consideration.

Claims 1-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Joao (U.S. Patent No. 5,917,405). Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-17 recite subject matter which is neither disclosed nor suggested in Joao.

Claim 1 recites a vehicle monitoring system having an on-vehicle unit provided in a vehicle. The on-vehicle unit includes a vehicle condition monitor for monitoring a condition of the vehicle and outputting vehicle condition data. An on-vehicle communicator is provided for sending the vehicle condition data output from the vehicle